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SUBJECT: LOS: EVENSEN GROUP MEETING

1. EVENSEN GROUP, AN INFORMAL GROUP CHAIRED BY JENS EVENSEN OF NORWAY WHICH HAS MET THROUGHOUT LOS NEGOTIATIONS TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT NEGOTIATING PROBLEMS AS AN AID TO FORMAL LOS CONFERENCE COMMITTEES IS PLANNING A MEETING IN GENEVA AUGUST 25 TO SEPTEMBER 5. PURPOSE IS TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF MARINE POLLUTION AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. ATTENDENCE IN
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PAST HAS BEEN BY SPECIFIC INVITATION ALTHOUGH THIS MEETING

WILL BE OPEN TO ALL LOS CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS. INDIA AND US HAVE PARTICIPATED THROUGHOUT.

2. INDIA HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN POLLUTION AND SCIENCE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAS BEEN IN OPPOSITION TO US ON MANY KEY ISSUES. INDIAN REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS QUESTION HAS BEEN ISHWAR C. JAIN, A LEGAL OFFICER IN MEA, WHO ACTS ON DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM DR. S.P. JAGOTA, HEAD OF INDIAN LOS DELEGATION AND LEGAL ADVISER TO MEA. JAGOTA APPARENTLY GIVES JAIN NO FLEXIBILITY ON SUBSTANTIVE QUESTIONS, THUS MAKING REAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAIN IMPOSSIBLE.

3. BECAUSE OF ABOVE SITUATION, WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT

DR. JAGOTA ATTEND EVENSEN GROUP MEETINGS. REQUEST EMBASSY TO APPROACH JAGOTA TO MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS: US FEELS EVENSEN GROUP DISCUSSIONS COULD BE IMPORTANT IN INTER-SESSIONAL MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT SESSION OF LOS CONFERENCE. CONSEQUENTLY, WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT DELEGATIONS BE REPRESENTED AT HIGH LEVEL. IF DR. JAGOTA DOES PLAN TO ATTEND PLEASE INDICATE OUR DESIRE TO MEET PRIVATELY WITH HIM IN GENEVA EITHER JUST PRIOR TO EVENSEN GROUP OR DURING FIRST FEW DAYS OF EVENSEN GROUP MEETING.

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